

William L. Barker

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Biographical Note:

William L. Barker, 1857-1937, of Boonville, Indiana, was a nationally known Lincoln historian and researcher. He spent his professional career writing and speaking on the life of Abraham Lincoln and his ties to Indiana. Barker served as president of the Warrick County Historical Society and Southwestern Indiana Historical Society along with being one of the organizers and first president of the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank. Barker was an active member of the Masonic Lodge and Boonville press club and was also a director of the Franklin Loan and Savings Association.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the papers of William L. Barker, including: correspondence; writings; speeches; papers relating to the Southwestern Indiana historical Society; county history research; Abraham Lincoln research which also includes the publication "Lincoln Lore"; and Barker's various research notes. Also included are papers relating to the Warrick County Centennial Celebration that includes newsletters and the Pageant of Warrick County. The bulk of the correspondence relates to the Centennial Celebration and matters concerning the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society. The 3 county history research folders include population statistics, Barker's hand drawn maps, and research notes on various counties in Indiana including Pike County, Warrick County, Dubois County, and Spence County.

Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1915-1916.

2. Correspondence, 1916-1928.
3. Correspondence, 1928-1935, n.d.
4. Writings, 1922-1935.
5. Writings, n.d.
6. Writings, n.d.
7. Writings, n.d.
8. Writings, n.d.
9. Writings, n.d.
10. Speeches, 1923-1929.
11. Speeches, 1929-1934.

Box 2.

Folder

1. Southwestern Indiana Historical Society, 1927-1929
2. Southwestern Indiana Historical Society, 1929-1935, n.d.
3. County history research, 1803-1886
4. County history research, 1926
5. County history research, n.d.
6. Lincoln Lore, 1936-1937.
7. Lincoln research, 1814-1933, n.d.
8. Lincoln research, n.d.
9. Centennial News Letter, 1915-1916.
10. Pageant of Warrick County, 1916.

Box 3.

Folder

1. Centennial Celebration, 1915-1916, n.d.
2. William Fortune Homecoming, 1929, n.d.
3. Young E. Allison's Hat Symposium, 1929.
4. Research notes, 1931-1949, n.d.
5. Photograph, n.d.
6. Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1927-1935, n.d.
7. Miscellaneous, 1883-1936.
 - 1883, Feb. 22. Newspaper article, "To the Officers and Comrades of the G. A. R."
 1872. Z. T. Brackenridge's poetry book.
 - 1885, Feb. 4. "Dr. C. C. Graham Dead"
 - 1928, May 7. "Congressional Record"
 - 1929, June 19. Kiwanis Club of Rockport, IN Charter Night Program.
 - 1929, June 21. Civic and Commercial Organizations of Southern Indiana Third Annual Meeting program.
 1936. List of Lincoln items for Christmas gifts.

- n.d. Card from Library of Congress card catalog.
 n.d. 3 envelopes advertising the Warrick County Centennial Celebration.
- n.d. Poem, "A Tale of the Airly Days"
 n.d. Typewriter form from the American Central Insurance Company.
 n.d. Envelope, New York Costume Co.
 n.d. Card, Wm. Scherffius, Jr. Decorating Co.
 n.d. Advertisement, Auburn Film Company.
 n.d. Advertisement, Lawyer Lincoln.
 n.d. Stationary, Clerk's Office, Warrick Circuit Court.
 n.d. Advertisement, Kalem Films.
 n.d. 2 pieces Purdue University letterhead.
8. Miscellaneous newspapers
 1932, Aug. 10. The Evansville Courier.
 1932, Aug. 12. The Boonville Standard.
 1932, Nov. 18. The Boonville Enquirer.
 1933, Feb. 1. The Corydon Democrat.
 1933, Feb. 3. The Boonville Standard.
 1933, Feb. 10. The Boonville Enquirer.
 1933, Feb. 10. The Boonville Standard (2 copies)
 1933, Feb. 24. The Boonville Standard.
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